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The National Guard.

In the January Harper's is an article by the late General McClellan advancing some suggestions for a practical militia General McClellan understood that our standing army of regulars would not soon be largely increased, though he favored an increase; and he was soldier enough to know that in its present or nd tion the country is in a bad way to de-fend itself. He therefore recommended a considerable increase of the National Guard on terms that would not make

Gnard on terms that would not nake membership probabilitory to the young men of the country:

In preparing legislation, whether by the General Government or States, to carry out these purposes, it should never be forgotten that those who enter the National Gnard inner, and that with those who form the vast majority of the National Gnard time is a matter of the greatest value, and that, having made this most important contribution to the public service, they should be relieved from any direct pecuniary demands. Their arms, equipments, uniforms, armories, etc., should be furnished free of cost, and when they are called out during working-hours, whether for duty or instruction, other than mere parades for their own gratification, they should receive fair compensation, and all necessary expenses for their subsistence and transportation should be paid. An efficient National Guard is not a luxury, but a necessity, and the public can well afford to meet the cost, provided its kept within just limits, and expanded wisely and honestly.

There is sound cause in this, and it is on some zuch plan that we should have a National Guard is not a luxury within just limits, and expanded wisely and honestly.

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consuls win fame by turning things inside out in their respective bailiwicks?

THE IRON BOOM.

Is It a Boom After All?—The Advance in Pig Iron.

The Cincinnati Times-Star has a report of a conversation between a reporter of that paper and E. L. Harper, a well known and prominent commission dealer in iron in that city. Among other things Mr. Harper was asked as to what had caused the recent advance in pig iron? He re

the recent avance in pig non. He replied as follows:

"The railroads—the railroads, of course. Their enforced economies during the last few years, or rather their refraining from purchasing necessary supplies for removals, repairs and additions to their roads, rolling stock and machinery, have brought them to the point now when they need now material for building. And so they become liberal purchasers, and the advance naturally follows. But this advance is not a substantial one; as that was during the great railroad building boom in 1870 and 1880. In my opinion it is a very uncertain and flectitious advance, as it depends entirely upon the flectuations of the New York stock market. It is this that has given the railroads ready money of late. They are now enabled to market their worthless securities, and they are putting their money in steel rails. Then they will take these steel rails, and build more lines of railroad, and on each mile they will be allowed to issue more stocks and bonds, and dispose of more worthless securities."

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securities."

"And don't you call this building new
lines of railroad a 'substantial affair?'"
the newspaper man chimed in at this

point.
"No indeed," said Mr. Harper, "because there is no demand for bar iron, the material which enters into the building of cars. The only demand is for steel rails, and as Bessemer pig iron is made from

ore, and steel rails from pig iron, the advance in the last material is a very natural

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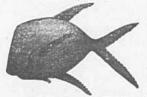
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